IN SOUTH AFRICA A Voyage With a Lion.

Public attention at this time is directed toward south Africa and the adventures of Captain Stanley on the great Fish river in that far distant country are aprops and worthy of perusal. He says:

"I've had many a queer voyage in my time, but the queerest I had was one I made somewhat unexpectedly, on my way back from a hunting excursion.

As I neared the bank I saw that the river was in full flood, more running like a mill race. I knew at one that I should have a tough job to get across-for a flooded African river is no joke, I can tell you. But I knew also that my wife would be terribly anxious if I didn't come back on the day being a place where a good many things may happen to a man-so I determined to chance it.

who had a host of his own, so I bailed him at once: "Well, Kaloomi, what will you take to put me across the river?"

"No go fifty dollars this time, biass" (master), said the old fellow in his half-Dutch, half-English jargon. "Boat no get" cross today, water groed (great).

And never a bit could I persuade him, although I offered him money to make any ordinary bushman jump head first down a precipice.

He spoke so positively that, although I am not easily frightened, driven close to the rock on which the trunk of which was eighty-six I certainly did feel uncomfortable. However, when you've got to do a thing of that sort, the less you think of it the better, so I jumped into the boat and shoved off.

I had barely got clear of the shore when I found that the old the thunder of the waterfall as he nearer to the sky than the cross loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels down the stream like an arrow. I saw in a moment that there was no hope of paddling her across, and all I could do was to keep her head straight. But I hadn't the of the Louisville Courier-Journal chance of doing that very long, for says: Another attempt is being just then a big tree came driving made to get up a boom in Confedalong, and hitting my boat full on erate bonds. For some time past the quarter, smashed her like an Baltimore stock-brokers have been egg shell. I had just time to advertising for Confederate State clutch the projecting roots and bonds. The movement in these whisk myself on to them, and tree bonds started some three years and I went away down stream ago, and since that time the purtogether and I don't know how chases have been very large, one many miles an hour.

caping just when all seemed over been the headquarters for their with me that I didn't think much purchase, and Europe the destinaof what was to come next, but tion of the bonds, orders coming before long I got something to from a large London firm. When think of with a vengeance. The the excitement first began the tree, as I've said, was a large one, bonds, which were considened and the branch end (the opposite worthless, brought \$1 per \$1,000. one to where I sat) was all one The price subsequently advanced mass of green leaves. All at once and has gone as high as \$15 per just as I was shifting myself to a thousand, though now they are safer place among the roots, the from \$6 to \$8 per \$1,000 for 6, 7 leaves suddenly shook and parted, and 8 per cent, bonds. The bonds and out peeped the great yellow are somewhat scarce now, though head and fierce eyes of an enor- some days \$100,000 will change

lion seemed to be getting strange- coupon bonds, with the 1865 or ly restless and turning his great prior coupons on. One Baltimore head from side to side in a ner- dealer, who makes the Confederate vous kind of way, as if he saw or bonds a specialty, has offers from heard something he didn't like. the South of boards in lots ranging At first I couldn't imagine what from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Richon earth was the matter with him, mond brokers and others in the but presently I caught a sound South are purchasing them and which scared me much worse than sending them to the London it had the done the lion. Far in house, the head of which is said to the distance I could hear, a dull be a a party by the name of booming roar, which I had heard Moses. North Carolina war bonds too often not to recognize at are also being bought for \$4 on the

Fish River more than once, and etc., for the pieces of paper that the bare thought of being carried contained the promise to pay of over those tremendous precipices the Confederate States of Amerimade my blood run cold. Yet ca. Some bring them into brobeing devoured by, a hon would kers' offices already framed, havhardly be much of an improve- ing been preserved as curiosities; ment, and as I hadn't the ghost of others bring them stiff with paste, a chance of being able to swim having taken them from the schore, there really seemed to be screens which they have long decno other alternative.

Faster and faster we went- bonds have at times been used for

came. I knew that this would be holders of Confederate bonds. my last chance, for by this time we were so near the precipice that Just at the water's edge I found I could see quite plainly, a little to the possession of the tallest an old bushman that I knew well, way shead the great cloud of spray and largest trees in the world, and vapor that hovered over the Every one has read of the marvels

> Just as we neared it, it happensomething and turned fairly crossthe clump of trees grew.

spring and just clutched the lowof the doomed lion mingling with tus amygdalina, and its top is and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with that overhung the precipice.

The Trade in Confederate Bonds.

The Washington correspondent

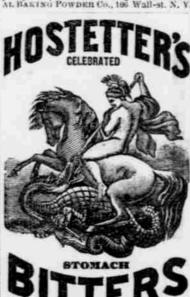
firm alone handling about \$30,-At first I was so rejoiced at es- 000,000 of them. Baltimore has hands, and other days not \$100. All at once I noticed that the The dealings are altogether in once; we were nearing a water- \$1,000. Since the flarry began there has been great rummaging I had seen the great falls of the about old closets, chests, boxes,

crouching down among the leaves, since the Confederate bonds beonly uttering a low whine every gan to have a market value. What now and then. I was fairly at my they are being bought for is what wits' end what to do when all of a no fellow can find out. Some adsudden I caught sight of some vance the theory that the purchthing that gave me a glauce of asers entertain a forlorn hope of their being paid some day, but A little way ahead of us the another, and perhaps equally river narrowed suddenly, a rocky as rational a theory, has headland thrust itself out a good been put forward. During way into the stream. On one of the late war England did buy the lowest points of it grew a some Confederate securities, and thick clump of trees, whose boughs at the close of the war found them overhung the water; and it struck worthless. It has been suggested me that, if we only passed near that the holders still entertain an enough, I might manage to catch idea of getting something back. than twice its usual breadth, and hold of one of the branches The present purchasers, it is said, and swing myself up on to the believe the same way. The summing up of the theory is that the No sooner said than done. I English holders look for some started up, hardly caring whether complications to arise between the the lion attacked me or not, and two countries, and hope that in its planted myself firmly upon one of adjustment England will be in a the biggest roots, where I could position to insist on the United that I had fixed-South Africa take a good spring when the time States indemnifying the English

> It seems that America, after all, is unable to make good her claim great waterfall. Even at the best of the Yosemite valley and of it was a desperate venture; and 1 Yellowstone park, the huge nationcan tell you that I felt my heart al sporting ground of the United beginning to thump like a sledge States. But what are the giants hammer as we came closer and of California in comparison with a closer to the point an | I thought tree which has lately been diswhat would happen if I missed my covered in Australia? It has long been known that in Tasmania there are eucalypti measuring 200 feet ed that our tree struck against from the ground to the first branch, and more than 350 feet in total year during life and other considwise to the current, the end with beight; and there is, or lately was, the lion on it swinging out into on Mount Wellington, near Homid-stream, while my end was bart Town, a tree of this species feet in circumference. But a still Now or never. I made one more gigantic monarch of the woods has been recently discovered ribs, increasing on pressure; some est bough; and as I dragged my in Victoria. It is a well-proporsely on to it I heard the last roar tioned specimen of the Eucalyp- times the pain is felt under the shoulder vanished into the cloud of mist of St. Paul's Cathedral, for it is no



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